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Mayanmar	409.01	405.91	525.96	89.64	113.19	110.7
Philippines	122.11	187.39	235.49	321.53	412.23	494.66
Singapore	2,085.38	2,651.40	3,353.77	2,124.84	4,000 61	5,425 29
Thailand	609.06	865.88	1,211.58	831.69	901.39	1,075.31
Vietnam	38.21	86.5	131.39	410.44	555.96	690.68
ASEAN	7433.16	9114.66	10883.67	5821.74	8425 88	10411 3

Role of Metal Scrap Trade Corporation

893. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC);

(b) whether Government have considered any proposal to have the MSTC set up a modern and environmentally safe ship-breaking yard to import scrap iron;

(c) what other innovative plans has the MSTC come up with to meet the challenge of India's requirements of metal scrap for domestic use and re-exports; and

(d) the details of any such plans offered or finalized by MSTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Metal Scrap Trade Coproration was set up in 1964 to regulate export of ferrous scrap. Subsequently, when ferrous scrap ceased to be an exportable surplus, the company emerged as the Canalising Agency for import of ferrous scrap. However, import of ferrous scrap was decanalized during1991-92. Since then Metal Scrap Trade Corporation has been functioning as a Trading House and a Service provider in the area of disposal of indigenous scrap. To ensure its financial viability, Metal Scrap Trade Corporation moved on to marketing ferrous and miscellaneous scrap arising out of steel plants and other industries and importing Coal, Coke, Petroleum products, semi-finished steel products like HR Coils and export of primarily Iron ore. The company has also established an e-auction portal and undertakes e-auction of Coal, Diamonds and Steel Scrap and has developed an e-procurement portal. The Company has changed its name from Metal Scrap Trade Corporation to MSTC Ltd.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) MSTC is no longer entrusted with the key role in the area of import of scrap. The recent notification of DGFT insisting on direct import of scrap by the end-user has further limited the role of MSTC in import of metal scrap. As mentioned above, MSTC, however, has introduced an e-Auction platform to bring about more effective disposal of scrap within the country.

Better compensation to land owners for acquiring land for SEZs

894. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that better compensation to the land owners whose land has been acquired for Special Economic Zones (SEZs), is not being paid across the country; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (b) Land is a State subject and each State has its own compensation and Relief & Rehabilitation measures depending upon the requirements and necessities of respective States and these are applicable for acquistion of land for SEZs also. However, the Ministry of Rural Development is currently formulating a revised National Rehabilitation Policy 2007 with the objective to minimize displacement and to promote, as far as possible, non-displacing or least displacing alternatives, ensure adquate rehabilitation packages and expeditious implementation of the rehabilitation process with the active participation of the displaced persons. As and when the new policy is implemented, it will apply to acquisition of land for industrial project including SEZs.

Hike in subsidy for South Indian Tea Growers

895. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Indian Tea Growers have demanded hike in the present subsidy and higher amount for tea replantation and rejuvenation, on par with Darjeeling, under the proposed replantation exercise of the Centre; and